



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 353**

January Session, 2017

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN APPRENTICE, JOURNEYMEN AND  
CONTRACTOR WORKING GROUP.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a  
2 working group to discuss hiring ratios for apprentices, journeymen  
3 and contractors and study the hiring ratio relief process. The working  
4 group shall meet at least three times annually and shall study and  
5 make recommendations related to apprentices, journeymen and  
6 contractors.

7 (b) The working group shall consist of ten members, and shall be  
8 evenly divided between members of the following union and  
9 nonunion industry trade groups: The International Brotherhood of  
10 Electrical Workers, the Independent Electrical Contractors of New  
11 England, the Associated Builders and Contractors of Connecticut,  
12 Sheet Metal Local 40, Sprinkler Fitters Local 669, the Connecticut  
13 Chapter of American Fire Sprinkler Association, the United  
14 Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 777, the Plumbing  
15 Heating and Cooling Contractors of Connecticut, the Connecticut  
16 Heating and Cooling Contractors and the Connecticut State Building  
17 and Construction Trades Council.

18 (c) Such members shall be selected as follows:

19 (1) Two union members appointed by the speaker of the House of  
20 Representatives;

21 (2) Two union members appointed by the president pro tempore of  
22 the Senate;

23 (3) One nonunion member appointed by the majority leader of the  
24 House of Representatives;

25 (4) One union member appointed by the majority leader of the  
26 Senate;

27 (5) Two nonunion members appointed by the minority leader of the  
28 House of Representatives; and

29 (6) Two nonunion members appointed by the minority leader of the  
30 Senate.

31 (d) All appointing authorities shall consult with the chairpersons  
32 and ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General  
33 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the Department of  
34 Consumer Protection prior to making any appointments pursuant to  
35 this section.

36 (e) All appointments to the working group shall be made not later  
37 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy  
38 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

39 (f) The members of the working group shall select the chairpersons  
40 of the working group from among the members of the group. One  
41 chairperson shall be a union member and one chairperson shall be a  
42 nonunion member. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting  
43 of the working group.

44 (g) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
45 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the  
46 Department of Consumer Protection shall serve as administrative staff

47 of the working group.

48 (h) Not later than December 1, 2017, and annually thereafter, the  
 49 working group shall submit a report on its recommendations to the  
 50 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance  
 51 of matters relating to the Department of Consumer Protection, in  
 52 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

53 Sec. 2. Section 20-332b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 54 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

55 The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall amend existing  
 56 regulations of Connecticut state agencies adopted pursuant to section  
 57 20-332 to specify the following allowable hiring ratios regarding  
 58 apprentices, journeymen and contractors for the following trades:

T1	TRADE			
T2	Electrical, Plumbing, Heating, Piping and Cooling,			
T3	Sprinkler Fitter and Sheet Metal Work			
T4				
T5	Apprentices		Licensees	
T6			(Journeyman or Contractors)	
T7	1		1	
T8	2		2	
T9	3		[5]	<u>3</u>
T10	4		[8]	<u>6</u>
T11	5		[11]	<u>9</u>
T12	6		[14]	<u>12</u>
T13	7		[17]	<u>15</u>
T14	8		[20]	<u>18</u>
T15	9		[23]	<u>21</u>
T16	10		[26]	<u>24</u>
T17				
T18	Ratio continues at 3 Journeypersons			
T19	To 1 Apprentice			

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	20-332b

**GL**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*